Multilateral CSA Notice of Amendments to National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) and Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD

December 3, 2015

Introduction

The members of the Canadian Securities Administrators (the **CSA**), except for the Ontario Securities Commission (**OSC**) and the British Columbia Securities Commission (**BCSC**) (the **participating jurisdictions** or **we**), have adopted amendments to each of the following:

- National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) (NI 13-101), and
- Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD (MI 13-102),

(collectively, the **Amendments**).

Provided all necessary ministerial approvals are obtained, the Amendments will come into force on May 24, 2016 (the effective date).

The Amendments will be adopted in each of the participating jurisdictions either as an amendment to a rule or as an amendment to a regulation.

Substance and purpose

The substance and purpose of the Amendments is to provide an interim electronic filing solution to issuers for exempt market filings (as defined below). The interim solution will eventually be replaced by a national electronic filing system that accommodates exempt market filings in all CSA jurisdictions. A nominal fee will be charged on reports of exempt distribution for cost recovery purposes.

Background

The Amendments will require the following documents (the **exempt market filings**), which exist or are proposed under prospectus exemptions, to be filed in electronic format on SEDAR in accordance with NI 13-101 in the participating jurisdictions:

- Form 45-106F1 Report of Exempt Distribution;
- the offering memorandum and any other document, such as financial statements or marketing materials, that may be required in the future to be filed or delivered under section 2.9 [Offering memorandum] of National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions (NI 45-106);

- in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the offering document and Form 5 *Start-up Crowdfunding Report of Exempt Distribution* under the start-up crowdfunding prospectus and registration exemptions and the offering document, distribution materials, financial statements, notices and certain other documents under Multilateral Instrument 45-108 *Crowdfunding* ¹ (together the **crowdfunding exemptions**); and
- in Québec, a disclosure document delivered to subscribers required to be filed under section 37.2 of the *Securities Regulation* (Québec).²

The Amendments would also impose a SEDAR system fee of \$25 per filing of a report of exempt distribution, including a report of exempt distribution prepared in accordance with Form 45-106F1 *Report of Exempt Distribution* or Form 5 – *Start-up Crowdfunding* – *Report of Exempt Distribution*. This fee would be in addition to any filing fee required in the participating jurisdictions.

On June 30, 2015, we published a Notice and Request for Comment relating to the Amendments (the **June 2015 Publication**) in which we proposed requiring electronic filing of the exempt market filings, as set out above.

Summary of written comments received by the CSA

The comment period for the June 2015 Publication ended on August 31, 2015. We received submissions from 6 commenters. We considered the comments received and thank all of the commenters for their input. The names of commenters are contained in Annex A of this notice and a summary of their comments, together with our responses, is contained in Annex B of this notice.

Summary of changes to the June 2015 Publication

After considering the comments received on the June 2015 Publication, we have decided to proceed with our proposal to require exempt market filings to be made on SEDAR substantially as described in our June 2015 Publication. However, we have made revisions to the SEDAR system to reduce the risk of confidential information inadvertently being made public at the time of the filing and to change the access level on SEDAR for documents filed under the crowdfunding exemptions.

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¹ In Saskatchewan, MI 45-108 is being published for a second comment period. It has been adopted in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Québec.

² Section 37.2 of *Securities Regulation* (Québec) requires that, when a distribution is made pursuant to an exemption, any disclosure document delivered to subscribers, even if such document is not required by the *Securities Act* (Québec) or the Regulations, be filed without delay with the Autorité des marchés financiers, unless it has previously been filed.

Confidential information & SEDAR

In the June 2015 Publication, we described the filing of the report of exempt distribution as follows:

The report of exempt distribution is divided into two sections: the body of the report, which is generally public information; and, Schedule 1 of the report, which includes personal information about each investor, which is generally confidential information. Since the information on Schedule 1 is generally kept confidential, a filer will need to detach Schedule 1 from the body of the report of exempt distribution and file it with a separate access level on SEDAR that allows the Schedule 1 information to remain private.

As a result of the comments received, we have modified SEDAR to further reduce the risk of confidential information inadvertently being made public by the filer. The modifications include:

- 1. adding a pop-up warning message, once the document has been uploaded to the report of exempt distibution filing type, that notifies the filer that Schedule 1 must be filed separately because it contains sensitive personal information and that failure to do so will result in this information being made public; and
- 2. requiring the filer to acknowledge that Schedule 1 has been removed from the report of exempt distribution before the filer is able to submit the filing. We have made this feature more interactive so that it is not merely a tick-the-box exercise.

The filer will receive one additional general warning message reminding them of their obligation to comply with privacy laws when submitting filings on SEDAR that the filer will need to acknowledge before the filing will be accepted and made public.

Notwithstanding the safeguards that have been put in place, if a filer still includes confidential information in a public filing, the filer can notify staff at a securities regulatory authority in one of the participating jurisdictions and staff will assist the filer by making this filing private.

Access level for Crowdfunding documents

In the June 2015 Publication, we indicated that the offering document and distribution materials relating to the crowdfunding exemptions would have a private access level on SEDAR. However, in order to provide consistent access level to all public information, we intend to make the offering document and distribution materials relating to the crowdfunding exemption publicly available on SEDAR.

Voluntary filing period

The participating jurisdictions will issue blanket orders to allow issuers to electronically file certain exempt market filings in advance of the effective date. A copy of the applicable blanket order is included in Annex D1. The blanket order will take effect on December 7, 2015.

Between December 7, 2015 and May 24, 2016, there will be no SEDAR system fee for voluntarily filing exempt market filings on SEDAR.

For additional information and considerations relating to making filings and electronic payments on SEDAR, please see the Multilaterial CSA Notice that accompanied the June 2015 Publication. An updated version of the SEDAR filer manual is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

To obtain a list of filing agents or for questions regarding the SEDAR software, please refer your questions to:

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ANNEX A

List of Commenters

	Commenter	Date
1.	The Canadian Advocacy Council for Canadian CFA	August 28, 2015
	Institute Societies	
2.	National Exempt Market Association	August 28, 2015
3.	McDougall Gauley LLP	August 31, 2015
4.	Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP	August 31, 2015
5.	Stikeman Elliott LLP	August 31, 2015
6.	Private Capital Markets Association of Canada	August 31, 2015

ANNEX B

Summary of Comments and Responses Multilateral CSA Notice Request for Comment

Proposed Amendments to National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) and Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD

No.	Subject	Summarized Comment	Response
Gene	General Comments		
1	Support for the proposals	We received six comment letters. Two commenters strongly support the proposals. Two commenters support a move to electronic filing in principle but do not support the proposal in its current form. One commenter does not oppose the idea of electronic filings but does not support the proposal in its current form. Two commenters specifically supported the carve-out in respect of exempt market filing requirements for foreign issuers.	We acknowledge the comments.
		One commenter noted that, given the cost of public issuance of securities, more issuers are looking to private markets to raise capital. Accordingly, the availability of offering documents on a commonly used website will assist in providing information to potential investors, as well as allow investors to compare and contrast various issuers more efficiently. The commenter believes that this will "level the playing field" among investors.	
		One commenter supports CSA efforts to improve the ease with which investors can access and search a database of information relating to non-reporting issuers in a way that is similar to reporting issuers. The commenter believes that SEDAR, as a known industry tool, is suitable for this purpose. The commenter also supports the proposal on the grounds that: • it will allow both reporting and non-reporting issuers to make filings, including exempt market filings, available in multiple jurisdictions through a single system,	

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		 it will allow issuers to verify the accuracy of their filing record without having to make an information request to applicable jurisdictions, investors will have improved access to information about non-reporting issuers, other issuers could gain insight into competitors' business and money raising practices which could lead to innovation, securities regulatory authorities would have improved access to information regarding market practices, and securities industry professionals would have greater access to information for education, comparison, research and related purposes. 	
2	Comments on efficiency and whether streamlining will be achieved	All commenters noted that if the proposal is given effect, it will result in three different exempt market filing platforms among British Columbia, Ontario and the other jurisdictions. All commenters noted that harmonization across all jurisdictions would be preferable to a fragmented system. Five commenters noted that the existence of multiple platforms will likely work against the CSA's goal of streamlining exempt market filing requirements.	A longer-term CSA project is underway to create a single integrated filing system for exempt market filings that would further reduce regulatory burden on market participants. The integrated filing system will be part of the larger CSA systems renewal project.
		One commenter suggested that the CSA undertake a cost benefit analysis of expanding either British Columbia or Ontario's system to accommodate all exempt market filings.	Expanding SEDAR to include exempt market filings is an interim step until the CSA's integrated filing
		Three commenters noted that the SEDAR platform is antiquated and not compatible with modern operating systems.	system is in place. The participating jurisdictions have evaluated electronic filing alternatives and determined that using SEDAR is the
		One commenter noted that SEDAR will not meet the long-term needs of the industry.	best option due to its current availability in each jurisdiction and the relatively low cost and time to
		One commenter noted that the proposed amendments should not be	implement.

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		made until SEDAR software is made compatible with modern	
		operating systems and that limiting SEDAR access to those who use	The CSA is considering options to
		older operating systems could cause difficulty for a large number of	address the current SEDAR
		issuers and their advisers. The commenter went on to state that	software compatibility issue.
		although SEDAR is a known commodity in the industry, its use should	
		not be extended to a new subset of issuers.	We acknowledge that a certain level
			of time and expense will be
		One commenter noted that, given the difficulty of obtaining SEDAR	required to file on SEDAR. These
		access due to its lack of compatibility with newer operating systems,	costs will be offset by the costs
		issuers may require the services of a third-party SEDAR filer and that	required to make the filings in paper
		situations may then arise where issuers are unable to make timely	format. The creation of a SEDAR
		filings resulting in a default of compliance obligations.	profile is a one-time event and the
			time and cost required to maintain
		One commenter indicated that the current approach to exempt market	the profile thereafter are minimal.
		filings in British Columbia and Ontario seemed more sensible and	
		appropriate. The commenter noted that a similar national regime	We acknowledge that there will be
		would be preferable to compelling issuers to create and maintain a	different filing systems in the
		SEDAR profile. The commenter stated that the approach in British	participating jurisdictions, British
		Columbia and Ontario strikes the correct balance between	Columbia and Ontario. However,
		confidentiality concerns and regulatory oversight of the exempt	we are of the view that adding the
		market. The commenter went on to voice support for an exempt	exempt market filings to SEDAR to
		market filing regime that would allow issuers to file reports of exempt	allow issuers to file in all
		distribution only in their principal jurisdiction.	participating jurisdictions
			simultaneously will be an
		Two commenters noted that the proposal will result in added time and	improvement over the current paper
		expense of requiring a non-reporting issuer to create and maintain a	filing requirement.
		SEDAR profile.	
		One commenter does not see the utility of compelling a non-reporting	
		issuer to create a SEDAR profile solely for the purpose of filing	
		reports of exempt distribution, particularly if exempt distributions are	
		isolated events. The commenter stated that at best, the proposal	
		represents an additional cost of doing business to issuers that use the	

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		exempt market and at worst, sensitive information will become too	
		easily accessible to competitors and the issuer will decide to forego	
		Canada as a viable market in which to raise funds.	
3	Comments on privacy and	Four commenters expressed concerns in relation to greater public	We acknowledge the comments.
	sensitive information	accessibility of private or potentially sensitive information.	
			The participating jurisdictions
		One commenter noted that it is vital that investors' personal	believe that sufficient safeguards
		information be protected. The commenter stated that the	will be present on SEDAR to assist
		acknowledgement by the issuer that personal information has been	filers in complying with their
		removed should be clear and more than simply a "tick the box"	obligation to protect the personal
		exercise.	information of investors from an
			unauthorized and mistaken public
		One commenter noted that in the case that investors' personal	disclosure. These will include (1)
		information is mistakenly posted, a mechanism to remove incorrectly	clear instructions and a warning on
		posted information would be useful.	SEDAR to remove the sensitive
			personal information prior to filing
		The commenter also noted that in devising a new filing regime, public	the main body of the report of
		access to documents should be substantially similar across	exempt distribution and (2) a
		jurisdictions. Specifically, public access to documents filed pursuant	requirement for the filer to
		to NI 13-101 should be no greater than materials filed in British	acknowledge that it has removed
		Columbia or Ontario. The commenter noted that a failure to do so	such information before the system
		may result in reluctance of issuers to extend offerings into certain	will accept such filings. If a filer
		jurisdictions.	identifies that it has inadvertently
			made confidential information
		It is the view of one commenter that offering memoranda should be	public, it can contact one of the
		kept "private" on SEDAR. The commenter stated that a simple search	participating jurisdictions and the
		on SEDAR could give competitors access to highly sensitive	filing will be made private upon
		information. The commenter also stated that a requirement of publicly	notification.
		accessible offering memorandum may significantly impact the ability	
		of private equity fund issuers to raise funds, as the issuers may be	The participating jurisdictions wish
		prevented from including material information in their offering	to clarify that the only offering
		memoranda due to confidentiality obligations. This would ultimately	memoranda that will be required to
		be to the detriment of exempt market investors.	be made public on SEDAR, are

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			offering memoranda filed in
		One commenter noted that its primary concern is regarding section	accordance with section 2.9
		37.2 of the Securities Regulation pursuant to the Securities Act	[Offering memorandum] of NI
		(Québec). The commenter noted that under the proposed amendments,	45-106 (the OM exemption). This
		any document required to be filed under 37.2 could be made public at	prospectus exemption permits an
		any time at the discretion of the principal regulator. The commenter	issuer that meets the requirements
		noted that the scope of 37.2 is broad and includes "any disclosure	to distribute securities to the general
		document delivered to subscribers [in connection with a distribution	public.
		made pursuant to an exemption], even if such document is not	
		required by the Act or the Regulations". The commenter noted that	The exempt market filings that will
		documents filed under 37.2 often contain confidential, proprietary and	be made public on SEDAR are
		commercially sensitive financial and strategic information. Disclosure	filings that are already publicly
		of such information could be highly prejudicial to the issuer. In	available upon request from the
		addition, many issuers have made the strategic decision to remain	participating jurisdictions. While
		private and the ability to keep sensitive, commercial information	the method of access to those
		private may be a key aspect of strategy and operations. The	documents would change due to
		commenter believes that the risk of sensitive information becoming	required filing on SEDAR, the
		public will incentivize some issuers to refrain from making offerings	public availability of the documents
		in certain jurisdictions and ultimately, it is potential investors who will suffer. The commenter also noted that issuers may make proactive	will not change. The participating jurisdictions believe that greater
		applications under section 296 of the Securities Act (Québec) in order	access to public information will
		to prevent certain documents from becoming public. Regulators would	improve fairness in the market.
		then be required to undertake an in-depth review of these applications,	improve fairness in the market.
		resulting in an increased regulatory burden.	The Autorité des marchés financiers
		resulting in an increased regulatory burden.	(Québec) will not change the access
			level for the disclosure documents
			filed under section 37.2 of the
			Securities Regulation (Québec) and
			these documents will not be
			publicly available on SEDAR.com.
			The method to access these
			documents will not change due to
			the required filing on SEDAR.

No.	Subject	Summarized Comment	Response
4	Comment on the quality of information on SEDAR over time	One commenter noted that public filings on SEDAR become stale over time and that SEDAR does not allow those public filings to be removed. The commenter is concerned that exempt market filings may only provide potential investors with a "snapshot in time" of a non-reporting issuer and that such filings may quickly become dated and eventually misleading to potential investors. The commenter suggested that such filings should be "Private non-public" or a mechanism should be made available for documents to be removed after a certain amount of time has passed. The commenter also suggested posting a warning to investors that the information contained in filings may no longer be accurate or relevant.	SEDAR Terms of Use stipulates that investors should not assume that documents available on SEDAR.com are error-free, timely, accurate or complete. Issuers that distribute securities under a prospectus exemption that would require the filing of a public disclosure document on SEDAR, would be required under that exemption to provide investors with current information before completing a distribution. Investors should not need to rely on stale information to make an investment decision.
5	Comments on the system fee	One commenter directly addressed the proposed system fee, stating that it is nominal and the commenter has no issue with the fee in light of the benefits of having this information made available.	We acknowledge the comment.
6	Comments on policy	One commenter noted that requiring that an offering memorandum of an exempt market issuer be made publicly available seems inconsistent with policy considerations underpinning the exempt market. The commenter noted that the ability of a limited group of investors to make investments on a prospectus-exempt basis is premised on the grounds that such investors do not need the same level of regulatory protection. The commenter stated that requiring public disclosure of offering memoranda in the same manner as prospectuses appears inconsistent with the above premise. Further, the commenter noted that it may confuse investors, who, based on the	The participating jurisdictions wish to clarify that the only offering memoranda that will be required to be made public on SEDAR, are offering memoranda filed in accordance with the OM exemption. This prospectus exemption permits an issuer that meets the requirements to distribute securities to the general public.

No.	Subject	Summarized Comment	Response
		public nature of the documents, may believe that they will be afforded	Under the OM exemption an issuer
		the same rights and protections as investors in a prospectus offering.	is also required to obtain a signed
			risk acknowledgement from each
			investor. The risk acknowledgement
			form outlines some of the key
			inherent risks of purchasing a non-
			prospectus qualified security.
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ANNEX C1

Amendments to National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR)

- 1. National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) is amended by this instrument.
- 2. Appendix A Mandated Electronic Filings is amended by adding the following:
 - (a) to section I Mutual Fund Issuers:
- D. Exempt Market Offerings and Disclosure

1. Form 45-106F1 Report of Exempt Distribution Alta, Sask, Man, Que, NB, PEI, NS, Nfld, YK,

NWT, NU

2. Material required to be filed or delivered under section 2.9 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*

Alta, Sask, Man, Que, NB, PEI, NS, Nfld, YK, NWT, NU

3. Disclosure document delivered to subscribers under section 37.2 of the *Securities Regulation* (Québec)

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(b) to section II Other Issuers (Reporting/Non-reporting):

E. Exempt Market Offerings and Disclosure

1. Form 45-106F1 Report of Exempt Distribution Alta, Sask, Man, Que, NB, PEI, NS, Nfld, YK,

NWT, NU

2. Material required to be filed or delivered under section 2.9 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*

Alta, Sask, Man, Que, NB, PEI, NS, Nfld, YK, NWT, NU

3. Disclosure document delivered to subscribers under section 37.2 of the *Securities Regulation* (Québec)

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4. Form 5 – Start-up Crowdfunding – Report of Exempt Distribution and offering document required to be filed or delivered under the start-up crowdfunding prospectus and registration exemptions

Sask, Man, Que, NB, NS

5. Offering document, distribution materials, financial statements and notices required to be filed or delivered by an issuer under Multilateral Instrument 45-108 *Crowdfunding*

Sask, Man, Que, NB, NS

3. This Instrument comes into force on May 24, 2016.

ANNEX C2

Amendments to Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD

- 1. Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD is amended by this instrument.
- 2. The following section is added to Part 2 SEDAR System Fees:
 - 4.1 System fees for filings that do not require a principal regulator (1) A person or company making a filing of the type described in Column B of Appendix C, and of the category referred to in Column A of that Appendix, must pay the system fee specified in Column C of that Appendix. The system fee is payable to, and allocated among, the securities regulatory authorities with whom the filing is required under National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR)..
- 3. Section 8 is amended by adding "4.1," after "4,".
- 4. The following appendix is added:

Appendix C – Other SEDAR System Fees (for filings that do not require a principal regulator)

(Section 4.1)

Item	Column A Category of Filing	Column B Type of Filing	Column C System Fee Payable
1	Investment fund issuers/ exempt market offerings and disclosure	Report of Exempt Distribution	\$25.00
2	Other issuers/ exempt market offerings and disclosure	Report of Exempt Distribution	\$25.00

5. This Instrument comes into force on May 24, 2016.

ANNEX D1

Local Matters - Blanket Order

Blanket Order No. 45-526

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, R.S.N.S. 1989, CHAPTER 418, AS AMENDED

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF VOLUNTARY FILINGS OF EXEMPT MARKET DOCUMENTS ON THE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT ANALYSIS AND RETRIEVAL (SEDAR)

ORDER (SECTION 151A)

WHEREAS:

- 1. Unless otherwise defined in this Blanket Order, terms used in this Blanket Order that are defined in the *Securities Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 418, as amended (the Act) or in National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions* have the same meaning in this Blanket Order.
- 2. Section 2.1(5) of National Instrument 13-101 *System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR)* (NI 13-101) prohibits a person or company that is not required to comply with NI 13-101 from filing a document on SEDAR (the SEDAR Prohibition).
- 3. As discussed in Multilateral CSA Notice of Amendments to National Instrument 13-101 System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) and Multilateral Instrument 13-102 System Fees for SEDAR and NRD dated December 3, 2015, changes to NI 13-101, to take effect on May 24, 2016 (the Implementation Date), will require that certain filings that are currently filed in paper format to instead be filed electronically through SEDAR.
- 4. In view of the pending mandatory change in filing requirements, the SEDAR Prohibition is no longer necessary in the public interest in respect of certain distribution-related material.
- 5. The Nova Scotia Securities Commission (the Commission) is of the opinion that to order relief in these circumstances would not be prejudicial to the public interest.

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to subsection 151A(1) of the Act, that section 2.1(5) of NI 13-101 does not apply with respect to filing (i) reports of exempt distribution required to be filed under Part 6 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* (NI 45-106), (ii) offering documents and Form 5 reports required to be filed under section 5 of Commission Blanket Order No. 45-524, (iii) documents required to be filed under section 15 of Multilateral

Instrument 45-108 *Crowdfunding*, and (iv) documents required to be filed under section 2.9 of NI 45-106.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Blanket Order comes into effect on December 7, 2015 and expires on the Implementation Date.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 3rd day of December, 2015.

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Pa	ul Radford, Q.C., Chair	

ANNEX D2

Local Matters - Other

Notice No. 45-717

NOVA SCOTIA SECURITIES COMMISSION STAFF NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT, R. S. N. S. 1989, C. 418, AS AMENDED (the Act)

- AND -

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF PRIVATE OFFERING MEMORANDA TO THE DIRECTOR

December 7, 2015

Offering memoranda filed pursuant to Section 2.9, *Offering memorandum*, of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* (NI 45-106) are public documents and are filed and available to the public on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) website.

Offering memoranda delivered to the Director in compliance with Subsection 77(3) of the Act (Act OMs) are not publically filed documents.

To facilitate the delivery required pursuant to Subsection 77(3) of the Act and maintain the privacy of Act OMs, an Act OM may be sent via e-mail in PDF format to the Nova Scotia Securities Commission at nssc_corp_finance@novascotia.ca or mailed to:

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